

SILEBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Good evening, I am Councillor Elizabeth Jones and Vice Chair of Sileby Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee.

Firstly, some background to Sileby Neighbourhood Plan. The original Plan was passed referendum on the 21st November 2019 with a 90% yes vote. The Plan was “made” by Charnwood Borough Council on the 16th January 2020 and then became part of the local Plan for Charnwood Borough Council! Unlike local borough Plans, Neighbourhood Plans are only in date for 2 years, therefore Sileby Neighbourhood Plan became out of date in January 2022. It was therefore important to review the Plan – in particular the policies relating to Housing and Transport.

The Parish Council took the decision to start that review towards the end of 2020. Although this was not as arduous a task as preparing the original Plan, the same process had to be followed. It became more apparent that with the delay to Charnwood Borough Council’s local Plan more and more speculative development would be seeking outline planning permission. This proved to be the case in Sileby. By the time the Charnwood Local Plan went to independent examination in June 2022 Sileby Neighbourhood Plan was well on the way to being completed.

The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory commission met on Wednesday, 13 July 2022 to approve changes and the submission draft. It was then on the agenda of the Parish Council meeting of 21 July for full council approval. The draft submission was sent to Charnwood Borough Council on 22 July 2022.

The Independent Examiner decided that the minor changes to the original Plan policies did not require the review Plan to go to referendum again. Therefore, the process again was slightly shorter and the Sileby Neighbourhood Plan Review was “made” by Charnwood Borough Council on 15 December 2022.

This means our Neighbourhood Plan will be in date until December 2024. We have already been able to use the reviewed Plan to challenge the layout of the affordable housing on the Cossington Road development as it did not take notice of our amended policy in the up-to-date Plan.

More detailed information on the changes that were made to the policies and the reason for the review can be found in the Sileby Neighbourhood Plan Review 2022-2037 made on the 15 December 2022.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the preparation of the Sileby Neighbourhood Plan Review, in particular Liz Astill the Chair of the Advisory Committee, the Parish Council for supporting it and the residents of Sileby who appreciate what we are trying to do to support our village.

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